THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) No, Sir

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994 is already in force. Permission for felling of trees is allowed on the condition of plantation of 10 saplings against each tree permitted for felling.

In Tamil Nadu, Honorary tree wardens have been appointed and regular patrolling is being done to protect the planted saplings and the existing trees.

In Kolkata, a committee has been constituted on the directives of the Hon'ble High Court of Kolkata consisting of officials of Forest Department, Government of West Bengal, West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Limited. West Bengal Pollution Control Board and Department of Environment. This committee is constituted to accord permission or otherwise for felling of any tree and necessary replanting programme in the Metro. Five trees are required to be planted for every tree felled.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

The information in respect of Mumbai is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cultivation of trees in Central Himalayas

†1380. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to encourage farmers to adopt the cultivation of trees in such areas, particularly in the regions of Central Himalayas;

(b) whether the Ministry has any scheme to link the tree-plantation with the livelihood of a person in the areas which are very

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sensitive from the point of view of environment to encourage the cultivation of forest trees; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) There is no specific proposal to encourage farmers to adopt the cultivation of trees in such areas particularly in the Central Himalayas.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Ministry of Environment & Forests has launched National Afforestation Programme which is implemented through Forest Development Agencies (FDA) and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) throughout the country including Central Himalayas Regions. During the year 2003-04 an amount of Rs. 196 crores has been earmarked under the scheme.

Workshop on urban lakes in Hyderabad by Hyflux Group

1381. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a three-day workshop was organized on urban lakes in Hyderabad by the Singapore-based Hyflux Group on water quality management to control water pollution;

(b) whether as a result of implementation of their suggestions, there is vast improvement in the quality of water in Hyderabad reservoirs; and

(c) the details of the salient recommendations of the world agency and whether these are proposed to be implemented in other areas to improve the quality of water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) to (c) A three-day workshop was organized by Hyderabad Urban Development Authority on Urban Lakes — Conservation and